

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

NATIVE PESTS

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WEB WORM

Hyphantria cunea

BASIC ID

Webworm caterpillars are small and hairy with yellow and black bodies.

HABITS

Always found within silk webs in the late summer to early fall, larvae feed in clusters and spin whitish webs around foliage for protection. Webs can be up to three feet long and sometimes cover an entire tree.

MANAGEMENT

When webs are small, strip them from branches and plunge into soapy water.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your local DNR forest pest specialist or UW-Extension county horticultural agent.

